



## ***Bolivian Governors Visit the U.S. for a Study Tour***

WASHINGTON July 13, 2006 PR Newswire US -- WASHINGTON, July 13 /PRNewswire/ -- The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) is sponsoring six Bolivian prefects (governors) on a study tour of the United States, July 10 - 14. Through meetings and activities the goal of the visit is to gain a broader understanding on how state executives in the U.S. organize and coordinate their efforts to establish policies and programs.

The Bolivian prefects, who were popularly elected for the first time in history in December 2005, will participate in a number of activities, including meetings with the National Governors Association and with Virginia Governor Tim Kaine, as well as conduct site visits to learn about economic development initiatives. The visit has been facilitated by USAID and seeks to provide these newly elected Bolivian leaders with information about mechanisms and tools that will help them better serve their constituents.

During their inaugural five-year term, the Bolivian prefects will face a number of political and development challenges, including the promotion of more job growth in their regions. The contacts and skills acquired by the prefects during this visit will help to strengthen Bolivia's democratic system.

The study tour will take place in Washington, DC and Richmond, Virginia, as well as Miami, Florida where the prefects will have the opportunity to visit activities related to the U.S. importation of agricultural goods from other countries.

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